

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19725C1

This legislation creates a new Chapter 57 in Title 33 of the Idaho Code known as Idaho Online and Virtual Education. The legislation requires that all individuals employed as teachers or in the role of a teacher in an online environment hold a certificate in online instruction as created by the State Department of Education. The legislation directs the inclusion of the Idaho Digital Academy as well as a representative from a private third party in creation of the rules. The legislation provides for a grandfather clause for teachers with prior experience in online instruction. The legislation gives the State Board of Education the ability to waive the certificate requirements for a faculty member of a post secondary institution, provided that they are able to pass a criminal background check. Finally, the legislation provides definitions for the chapter and recodifies section 33-1619 into the new chapter.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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